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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/700,956

Examiner

ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ

Applicant(s)

HOLLAND, WILLIAM D.

Art Unit

2828

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 6-30-2009.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-12, 14-38 and 40-49.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

/ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2828

DETAILED ACTION
EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with James D. Shaurette on November 9, 2009.

The claims have been amended as follows:

1. [Currently Amended] A laser scanning apparatus comprising:
 - a light source configured to generate a single light beam;
 - a scanning device optically coupled with the light source and configured to scan the single light beam along a photoconductor in a plurality of scan lines;
 - and
 - a start-of-scan detector assembly configured to sample the single light beam and initiate a start-of-scan operation of one of the scan lines of information to be written on the photoconductor, and wherein only the sampled single light beam is used to control a drive level of the light source to be substantially constant during scanning of the one of the scan lines.

9. [Currently Amended] A laser scanning apparatus comprising:
a rotating scanning device configured to scan a light beam from a light source;
a photodetector optically coupled with the rotating scanning device and configured to sample the light beam from the rotating scanning device;
a control system configured to receive an indication of the sampled light beam from the photodetector and to control a drive level of the light source using only the indication of the sampled light beam; and
wherein the control system is configured to maintain the light source at a substantially constant drive level during scanning of a single line of information on the photoconductor.

14. [Currently Amended] A laser scanning apparatus comprising:
a laser configured to generate a single light beam;
a scanning device configured to scan the single light beam from the laser;
a photodetector optically coupled with the scanning device and configured to sample the single light beam only once per line of information scanned onto a photoconductor; and
a control system configured to receive an indication of the sampled single light beam from the photodetector and to maintain a drive level of the laser at a substantially constant drive level during scanning of the line of information onto the photoconductor using only the indication of the sampled single light beam.

18. [Currently Amended] A laser scanning apparatus comprising:
means for generating a single light beam;
means for scanning the single light beam onto a photoconductor;
means for sampling the single light beam which causes information to be scanned onto the photoconductor; and
means for receiving an indication of the sampled single light beam from the means for sampling and for maintaining the means for generating at a substantially constant drive level using only the indication of the sampled single light beam and during scanning of the line of information onto the photoconductor.

22. [Currently Amended] A laser scanning method comprising:
generating a single light beam using a light source;
scanning the single light beam along a photoconductor using a rotating scanning device;
sampling only the single light beam from the rotating scanning device using a sampling assembly;
controlling the light source only using the sampling of only the single light beam; and
as a result of the controlling, maintaining an output power of the light source at a substantially constant level during writing of a single scan line of information onto the photoconductor.

25. [Currently Amended] The method of claim 22, wherein the maintaining comprises maintaining the output power of the light source at the substantially constant level during the writing of the entirety of the single scan line of information onto the photoconductor.

29. [Currently Amended] A hard imaging device comprising:
a photoconductor;
a laser scanning apparatus configured to write scan lines of information onto the photoconductor, the laser scanning apparatus comprising:
a laser configured to generate a single light beam;
a scanning device optically coupled with the laser and configured to scan the single light beam along the photoconductor to form the scan lines;
a sampling assembly optically coupled with the scanning device and configured to sample the single light beam and to generate a signal indicative of the sampling of the single light beam;
a control system configured to control an intensity of the single light beam generated by the laser to be substantially constant during scanning of a line of information upon the photoconductor using only the signal indicative of the sampling of the single light beam; and
an image engine configured to form hard images from the written scan lines using media.

31. [Currently Amended] An article of manufacture comprising:
processor-usable media comprising programming configured to cause processing circuitry to:
output a control signal to control a light source configured to generate a single light beam used to scan a plurality of scan lines of information onto a photoconductor;
access an output of a start-of-scan detector assembly which is indicative of only the single light beam, wherein the output indicates appropriate timing for initiation of writing of the information for the respective scan lines;
process the output of the start-of-scan detector assembly; and
adjust the control signal using only the processing of the output to adjust an intensity of the single light beam generated by the light source.

45. [Currently Amended] The apparatus of claim 9 further comprising the light source, and wherein the light source is configured to only generate the light beam comprising only a single light beam, and the photodetector is configured to sample the single light beam and to provide the indication of only the sampled single light beam, ~~and the control system is configured to control the drive level of the light source only using the indication of only the sampled single light beam.~~

46. [Currently Amended] The apparatus of claim 14 wherein the photodetector is configured to provide the indication of only the sampled single light beam, ~~and the control system is configured to maintain the drive level of the laser at the constant drive level only using the indication of only the sampled single light beam.~~

47. [Currently Amended] The ~~method~~ apparatus of claim 18 wherein the means for sampling comprises means for providing the indication of only the sampled single light beam ~~and the means for maintaining comprises means for maintaining the means for generating at the constant drive level only using the indication of only the sampled single light beam.~~

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-12, 14-38, 40-49 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Regarding claims 1-8, 37, 48.

None of cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed laser scanning apparatus having the structural combination of independent claim 1, including among the limitations a single light beam, a scanning device, a photoconductor, a

plurality of scan lines, a start-of-scan detector and wherein only the sampled single light beam is used to control a drive level to be substantially constant.

Regarding claims 9-12, 38, 45, 49.

None of cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed laser scanning apparatus having the structural combination of independent claim 9, including among the limitations a rotating scanning device, a photodetector, a control system to control a drive level using only the sampled light beam and maintains the light source at a substantially constant drive level.

Regarding claims 14-17, 46.

None of cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed laser scanning apparatus having the structural combination of independent claim 14, including among the limitations a single light beam, a scanning device, a photodetector, a photoconductor, a control system to control a drive level using only the sampled single light beam and maintains the laser at a substantially constant drive level.

Regarding claims 18-21, 47.

None of cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed laser scanning apparatus having the structural combination of independent claim 18, including among the limitations means for generating a single light beam, means for scanning, a photoconductor, means for sampling, means for receiving, and maintaining the means for generating at a substantially constant drive level using only the indication of the sampled single light beam.

Regarding claims 22-28, 40-43.

None of cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed laser scanning method having the steps of independent claim 22, including among the limitations generating a single light beam, scanning the single light beam along a photoconductor, sampling only the single light beam, controlling the light source using only the single light beam, maintaining an output power of the light source at a substantially constant level.

Regarding claims 29, 30, 44.

None of cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed invention having the structural combination of independent claim 29, including among the limitations a photoconductor, a single light beam, a scanning device, a sampling assembly, a control system to control intensity to be substantially constant using only the single light beam.

Regarding claims 31-36.

None of cited prior arts alone or in combination discloses the claimed invention having the structural combination of independent claim 31, including among the limitations a single light beam, a plurality of scan lines, a start-of-scan detector, process the output of start-of-scan detector, adjust the control signal using only the processing of the output to adjust an intensity of the single light beam.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ARMANDO RODRIGUEZ whose telephone number is 571-272-1952. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, MINSUN HARVEY can be reached on 571-272-1835. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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